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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 12 February 1953, the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne on Breitscheid Strasse, Riesa, was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 300 to 350 troops wearing tank insignia. About 60 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 29 January, two JS-3 tanks entered the installation. At about 9 a.m. on 11 February, about 40 soldiers received instruction on machine guns and about 100 soldiers drilled in the barracks area. On 12 February, about 18 soldiers equipped with four heavy machine guns and an about 50-mm mortar entered the installation. At 11:30 a.m. on 12 February, T-34/85 tank No 278, which had come from the installation, was being entrained at the railroad station.

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2. On 12 February, the Mudra Kaserne on Heinrich Heine Strasse, Dr Wilhelm Kuelz Strasse and Martin Luther Platz, was occupied by about 900 troops including about 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 450 troops wearing blue-bordered black or black-bordered black epaulets. About 80 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 11 February, 11 trucks, including 9 towing 120-mm mortars, left the installation toward Poppitz. On 12 February, four 76-mm field guns were seen in the installation. At about 9 a.m., about 80 soldiers were drilling in the barracks area, while 15 soldiers were maintaining nine trucks in front of the garages.

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3. On 14 February, the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two thirds of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk.
4. On 14 February, the Mudra Kaserne was occupied by about 350 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 65 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. At about 9 a.m., 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia were lined up in front of a

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barracks building. They subsequently left for the garages south of the installation. About 15 trucks were seen through the open doors of the shed on Dr Wilhelm Kuelz Strasse. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the two barracks installations were lighted to about two thirds, it can be assumed that, during the first half of February, elements were absent from the post for exercises. The information in this report does not discredit the comment on the preceding [REDACTED]

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